

# Interstate Bridge Replacement Program

## *Discussion on Key Questions*

August 6, 2020



**Brendan Finn**  
Director, Urban Mobility Office



**Carley Francis**  
Regional Administrator

# Key Guidance and Feedback Sought

## Purpose and Need:

- Have the transportation problems previously identified been addressed?
- Are there new transportation problems in the project area that should be considered?

## Vision and Values:

- What are the qualities desired in a project?

# What is a Purpose and Need Statement?

The purpose and need explains what must be addressed from a transportation perspective.

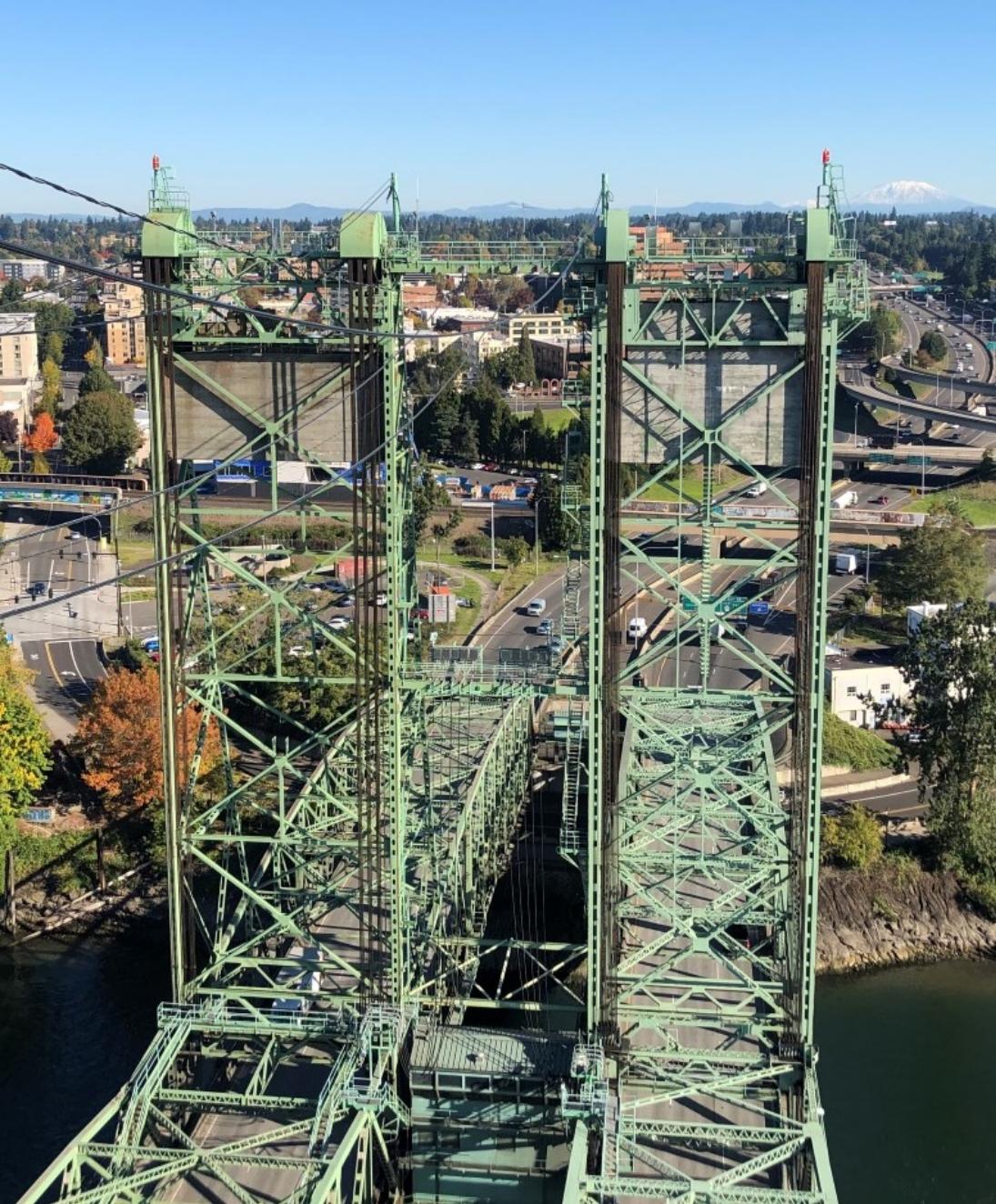
“If an alternative does not satisfy the purpose and need for the project, as a rule, it should not be included in the analysis as an apparent reasonable alternative.”\*

\*FHWA Environmental Review Toolkit: [https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/legislation/nepa/guidance\\_purpose\\_need.aspx](https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/legislation/nepa/guidance_purpose_need.aspx)

# Previously Identified Purpose and Need



- Seismic vulnerability
- Limited public transportation
- Impaired freight movement
- Inadequate bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Safety concerns as a result of existing roadway design
- Growing travel demand and congestion



## DISCUSSION:

Have the transportation problems previously identified been addressed?

Are there new transportation problems in the project area that should be considered?

# What is a Vision and Values Statement?

The purpose of a Vision and Values Statement is to identify specific regional values and goals related to potential transportation improvements that the program should consider as alternatives are being developed and evaluated

# Initial Feedback on Vision and Values

- Keep focus on replacing the Interstate Bridge and how it contributes to better mobility on the I-5 system
- Recognize broader impacts, how systems interact, and additional improvements that might be necessary outside of this program
- Balance sense of urgency and efficient decision making with the need for thorough process
- Emphasis on functionality for all users (bridge, marine, aviation)
- Consider aesthetics balanced with other priorities
- Prioritize fundability and cost containment as practicable
- Consider environmental and human health impacts (such as air quality, etc.)
- Define impact area beyond what is immediately adjacent to the Interstate Bridge



## DISCUSSION:

What are the qualities desired in a project?



# Questions?